

§ 821.12 Amendment and withdrawal of pleadings.

(a) *Amendment.* At any time more than 15 days prior to the hearing, a party may amend his pleadings by filing the amended pleading with the Board and serving copies on the other parties. After that time, amendment shall be allowed only at the discretion of the law judge. In the case of amendment to an answerable pleading, the law judge shall allow the adverse party a reasonable time to object or answer. Amendments to complaints shall be consistent with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 44709(c) and 44710(c).

(b) *Withdrawal.* Except in the case of withdrawal of an appeal to the Board, withdrawal of a petition for review, withdrawal of a complaint, or withdrawal of an appeal from an initial decision, a party may withdraw pleadings only on approval of a law judge or the Board.

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§ 821.13 Waivers.

Waivers of any rights provided by statute or regulation shall either be in writing, or by stipulation made at a hearing and entered into the record, and shall set forth their precise terms and conditions.

§ 821.14 Motions.

(a) *General.* An application to the Board or to a law judge for an order or ruling not otherwise provided for in this part shall be by motion. Prior to the assignment of a law judge, all motions shall be addressed to the chief law judge. Thereafter, and prior to the expiration of the period within which an appeal from the law judge's initial decision may be filed, or the certification of the record to the Board, all motions shall be addressed to the law judge. At all other times, motions shall be addressed to the Board, Office of General Counsel. All motions not specifically provided for in any other section of this part shall be made at an appropriate time, depending on the nature thereof and the relief requested.

(b) *Form and contents.* Unless made during a hearing, motions shall be made in writing, shall state with particularity the grounds for the relief

sought, and the relief sought, and shall be accompanied by affidavits or other evidence relied upon. Motions introduced during hearings may be made orally on the record, unless the law judge directs otherwise.

(c) *Answers to motions.* Except when a motion is made during a hearing, any party may file an answer in support of or in opposition to a motion, accompanied by such affidavits or other evidence as he desires to rely upon, provided that the answer is filed with 15 days after the motion has been served upon him, or such other period as the Board or a law judge may fix. Where a motion is made during a hearing, the answer and the ruling thereon may be made at the hearing, or orally or in writing within such time as the law judge may fix.

(d) *Oral argument; briefs.* No oral argument will be heard on motions unless the Board or the law judge directs otherwise. Written memoranda or briefs may be filed with motions or answers to motions, stating the points and authorities relied upon in support of the positions taken.

(e) *Disposition of motions.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section for rulings on motions made at a hearing, the law judge shall pass upon all motions properly addressed to him, unless he finds that a prompt decision by the Board is essential to the proper conduct of the proceeding, in which case he may refer such motion to the Board for decision.

(f) *Effect of pendency of motions.* Except as provided in §§ 821.17(a) and 821.18, the filing or pendency of a motion shall not automatically alter or extend the time fixed in this part (or any extension granted thereunder) to take action by the parties.

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§ 821.15 Motion to disqualify a Board Member.

A motion requesting a Board Member to disqualify himself shall be filed with the Board, supported by an affidavit setting forth grounds for disqualification. In nonemergency proceedings, where an appeal from an initial decision is filed, such motion shall be filed